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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the communiqué adopted at the extraordinary meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of the Arab Maghreb Union, held at Rabat from 10 to 12 December 1992.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Communiqué adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Arab Maghreb Union following its extraordinary meeting at Rabat on 10 December 1992

Pursuant to the provisions of the final declaration adopted by the Presidential Council of the Arab Maghreb Union at its fifth regular session, held at Nouakchott from 10 to 11 November 1992, whereby the Union stated its determination to persist in efforts to identify a peaceful, just and honourable solution of the Libyan/Western crisis with a view to ending the embargo imposed on the great Jamahiriya,

The Council of Foreign Ministers of the Arab Maghreb Union held an extraordinary meeting at Rabat on 10 December 1992, in accordance with article 5 of the Council's rules of procedure and at the request of the great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Council discussed the evolution of issues at the Maghreb and international levels, together with recent developments in the Libyan/Western crisis following the Security Council's decision to maintain the embargo and restrictions imposed on the great Jamahiriya since 15 April 1992. It also considered practical ways of implementing the decision, adopted by the Presidential Council during its fifth session at Nouakchott, to reaffirm its determination to continue efforts to identify a peaceful, just and honourable solution of the crisis, which has harmed the Libyan people and all the peoples of the Union.

In the light of the statements made by the leader of the Libyan delegation, the Council once again commended the positive initiatives of the great Jamahiriya to respond to Security Council resolution 731 (1992) and to identify ways in which the resolution might be implemented in accordance with the conventions and requirements of international law. It reiterates its condemnation of all forms of terrorism, reaffirms the solidarity of the Union with the great Jamahiriya and at the same time calls on the Security Council to reconsider its resolutions with a view to removing the embargo and other restrictions. It does so particularly in view of the fact that the Libyan Jamahiriya has constantly adopted initiatives and reaffirmed its willingness to cooperate with the international organ's resolutions for the purpose of solving this crisis with certain parties on the basis of dialogue, of the principles of international legitimacy and of international conventions and laws.

The Council reviewed the endeavours of the Ministerial Committee of Seven formed within the framework of the League of Arab States under resolution 5163 of 22 February 1992, with the nations of the Union as its members, whose task

is to identify a solution of the crisis. It reaffirmed its enduring eagerness to contribute to the success of the Committee's efforts for the sake of Arab solidarity and the shared destiny of the single Arab nation.

The Council of Foreign Ministers also reaffirmed its determination to persist in prosecuting the necessary efforts and endeavours to overcome obstacles to the identification of a peaceful and just solution of this crisis on a basis of dialogue and mutual understanding. Such a solution must ensure that legitimacy and international law prevail and that the embargo imposed on the great Jamahariya is lifted. It must also spare the region from the dangers of escalation in order that the countries and peoples of the Arab Maghreb Union may devote their efforts to development and share in the strengthening of international peace and security.

In accordance with the provisions of the final declaration adopted by the Presidential Council at its fifth regular session, and in conformity with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations in New York of States members of the Union to prepare a note, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Union, for submission to the Security Council through the Maghreb member of that organ. The purpose of the note would be to draw attention to the difficulties and harm caused to the nations of the Union as a result of the continued imposition of sanctions against the great Jamahiriya.